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SUBJ: JORDANIAN DEMARCHE RE ISRAELI LABOR PARTY PLATFORM

1. IN CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO ON SEPTEMBER 6, JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR SALAH RAISED ISRAELI LABOR PARTY PLATFORM, TERMING IT SERIOUS SETBACK FOR CAUSE OF PEACE. SALAH NOTED DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S AUGUST 23 STATEMENT REFERRING TO AMB. YOST'S JULY 1969 SPEECH BUT SAID YOST SPEECH WAS MADE LONG AGO AND YOST IS NO LONGER A PUBLIC FIGURE. SALAH EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE USG WOULD MAKE NEW AND SPECIFIC PUBLIC STATEMENT RE LABOR PARTY PLATFORM. SUCH STATEMENT, HE SAID, WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO USG IN MIDDLE EAST IN SENSE
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THAT IT WOULD MAKE CLEAR WHERE USG STANDS, AND WOULD ALSO

HAVE AN IMPACT ON ISRAELI GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC. ISRAELI GOVERNMENT, SALAH SAID, IS VERY SENSITIVE TO USG STATEMENTS AND TO USG SILENCE.

2. SISCO SAID OUR POSITION HAS BEEN AND REMAINS WHAT WAS SAID IN AMBASSADOR YOST'S JULY 1969 STATEMENT, I.E., WE DO NOT ACCEPT, APPROVE OR CONDONE UNILATERAL ACTIONS THAT COULD PREJUDICE A SETTLEMENT. SISCO SAID HE WOULD BRING AMBASSADOR SALAH'S DEMARCHE TO ATTENTION OF ACTING SECRETARY AND SECRETARY-DESIGNATE AND WE WOULD HAVE UNDER ADVISEMENT MATTER OF WHAT USG COULD SAY PUBLICLY. SISCO ADDED THAT PERSONALLY HE CONSIDERED THIS LATEST DEVELOPMENT UNFORTUNATE. RUSH

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